

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 837

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Robert A. “Bob” Murray on the occasion of his retirement as City Manager of Mt. Pleasant.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert “Bob” Murray is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for nearly twenty-six years as City Manager of Mt. Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, involved in city, state, and regional governmental affairs for thirty-eight years, Mr. Murray has been an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hickman County, Bob Murray graduated from Tennessee Technological University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration, with a major in economics; and

WHEREAS, he furthered his studies by studying traffic engineering and urban planning at Northwestern University, attending many technical seminars on economic and industrial development, and graduating from the University of Tennessee’s Public Officials Leadership Institute; and

WHEREAS, prior to his illustrious tenure as City Manager of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. Murray rendered sterling service as Director of Economic Planning for the South Central Tennessee Development District, which serves a thirteen county region, and was employed in both the public and private business sectors, including the Research and Planning Division of the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bob Murray's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his rare ability to work well with and relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Murray has participated in a multitude of professional organizations, including the National Council for Urban Economic Development, the International City Managers Association, the Tennessee City Managers Association, and the Maury Regional Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bob Murray has been recognized by his colleagues many times over for his astute leadership abilities; he served as the 1991 President of the Tennessee City Managers Association, Chairman of the Maury/Marshall Solid Waste Board, and Director of the Mt. Pleasant Industrial Development Commission for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, he has also contributed his time and numerous talents as a member of the board of directors of the Tennessee Municipal League, the District 11 Private Industry Council, Duck River Regional Development and as the Maury County member of the Natchez Trace National Parkway Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murray epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Bob Murray has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the public alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Mr. Robert A. Murray our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we salute his exemplary career in public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.